

Highway robbery debut at Hayes

Hayes 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1

DICK TURPIN rides again; or at least his offspring, in the collective guise of Wycombe Wanderers. And their latest masterpiece of Highway Robbery would have done even the notorious Mr. T. proud, when, with all his brazen finesse, they pilfered an 89th-minute winner at Church Road on Tuesday evening.

Wycombe fielded a somewhat experimental side for their first ever venture into Premier Floodlight League football—an experiment which went horribly wrong — entertainmentwise — from the outset.

Faster on and off the ball. Hayes did everything but score—a frustrating situation enhanced, at times almost single-handed, by Wanderers' deputy goalkeeper, Kevin O'Brien.

BRAVE 'KEEPER

The former Chesham United 'keeper, bravely parried endless Hayes attacks when his backline (no Delaney, no Lailey, and, on the whole, no idea) looked less than brick-wallish.

But just like they had done to an undeserving Dulwich seven days earlier, Wanderers redeemed themselves pointwise via a late push, and an even later goal.

In fact, the final turn of events was ultra-valuable, as three points are awarded for away wins in the Floodlight League.

The Athenian Leaguers, undergoing a revival after a poor start to their Premier Division programme, constantly took the game to Wycombe, whose back four read (across field) Rundle, Stephenson, Faulkner and Thomas (or Gale, second half substitute after half-time) and played together in equally as makeshift a fashion.

Unluckiest of all was one-time Chesham Amateur Cup Final star, Ron Fruen, who twice looked likely to break through in the final quarter of the match.

A minute from time, however, Wycombe, who had been pressing back in the final ten min-

utes, worked their coup with all the outrageous cheek they have been showing of late.

Peasgood made ground on the right wing, but Reynolds palmed away his shot with a low dive, only for Geoff Anthony to step on to the scene for a scrappy winner.

For the record, Keith Searle did make his debut on Tuesday. Although offered meagre support from midfield, he scarcely sniffed possession.